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- 1. BY LETTERS TO SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT OF SENATE, PRESIDENT FORD JANUARY 18 RESUBMITTED TO CONGRESS US-TURKEY DCA SIGNED IN MARCH 1976.
- 2. TRANSMISSION OF DCA TO CONGRESS HAS AROUSED CONCERN IN THOSE CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES WHO FEEL THAT NEW US-TURKEY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED IN ABSENCE PROGRESSTOWARD CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.
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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE'S OFFICE WILL RESPOND AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT FORD SENT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY TO THE CONGRESS WITHOUT CONSULTING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE SENT FORWARD, SINCE WE HAD INITIATED A FULL REVIEW OF THE

RELATED FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WHICH WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL AFTER THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIONS. WE HOPE THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE CONGRESS UNTIL THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED. (IF ASKED SPECIFICALLY: WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH TODAY WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION ON THE MATTER.) END TEXT.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE GUIDED STRICTLY BY FOREGOING IN RESPONDING TO ANY QUESTIONS AND NOT SPECULATE RE DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON JAN 18-19 RELATED TO TURKISH DCA.

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